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REMARKS:

Entry of this Amendment is believed proper since no new issues are being presented to the Examiner which would require further consideration and/or search. Indeed, the claim amendments above narrow the issues on appeal.

Claims 1-2, 11, 13-15, and 19 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 20-21 have been canceled to allow prosecution of the claims in a Continuation Application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 1-2, 11, 13-15, and 19 are allowed. No new matter has been added.

It is noted that any claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

IV.   FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-2, 11, 13-15, and 19, the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in

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condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to

issue at the earliest possible time.

      Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the

Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to

discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

      The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any

overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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